

THURSDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS

Pick up maps or follow your trip leader to the site

TOUR OF OCCONEECHEE STATE PARK

Join park manager Scott Shanklin at the park office for a 45-minute tour of this beautiful state park on the Kerr Reservoir. Visit the marina, boat ramp, canoe-in campsite and other recreation amenities.

After the tour, enjoy the park's 20 miles of trails or check out the visitor center and museum.

TOUR OF KERR RESERVOIR

Join operations manager Michael Womack for a tour of the John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir. Facilities include an ADA-accessible launch, the powerhouse, and the Tanner Environmental Education Center.

After the 90-minute tour, enjoy the Liberty Hill nature trail on your own to see another side of the dam and take in beautiful views of the river and Buggs Island.

PADDLING TRIP BEECHWOOD FLATS WATER TRAIL

Join Scott Murray, Director of the Upper Reach Program for the Roanoke River Basin Association, on this portion of the Southern Virginia Wild Blueway. Learn about the specially adapted access point at Buggs Island before you float down the lovely Roanoke River to Beechwood Flats. Allow 3-4 hours for this 5.3-mile canoe trip, with boats, life jackets and paddles provided by Virginia State Parks.

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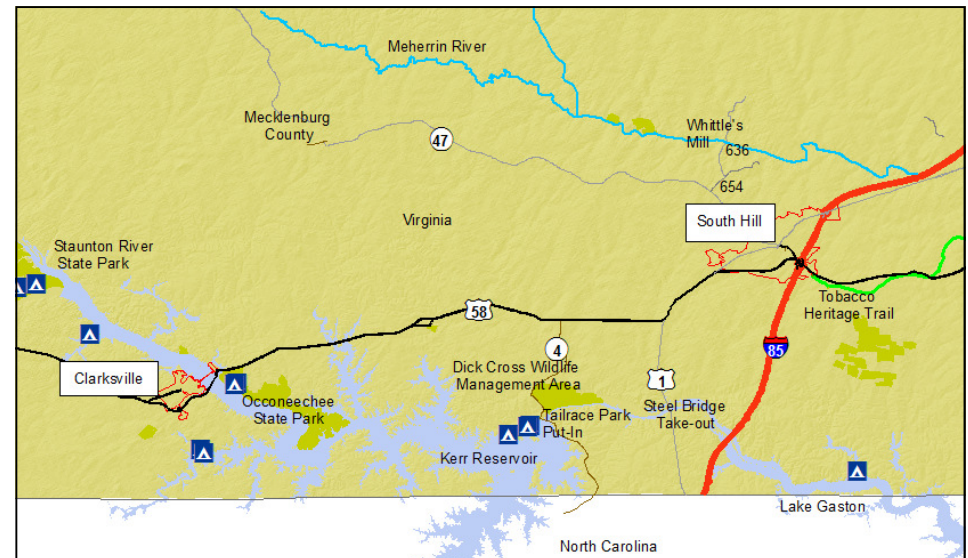
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SEPTEMBER 17
COLONIAL THEATER

220 S MECKLENBURG AVE, SOUTH HILL, VA 23970
(434) 262-4407

SEPTEMBER 18
MAGNUSON HOTEL ON THE LAKE
103 2ND ST, CLARKSVILLE, VA 23927
(434) 374-5023

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS

2-3 p.m. Registration and packet pick-up at Colonial Theater

ON YOUR OWN

TOBACCO HERITAGE TRAIL

This 17-mile multi-use rail trail runs from La Crosse to Lawrenceville and provides access to a new canoe launch on the Meherrin River. Bicyclists should have hybrid or mountain bike tires for this trail.

SOUTH HILL TOUR

The Tobacco Farm Life Museum of Virginia at 306 W. Main is open from 10-4. Upstairs there is a unique display of antique medical instruments. The Model Railroad Museum and Wildlife Exhibit is in the historic depot at 201 S. Mecklenburg, open from 9-4. The Susan S. Evans Doll Museum is also located in the depot.

WHITTLE'S MILL

2:30 Visit historic Whittle's Mill Dam on the Meherrin River, an area that dates back to the Revolutionary War. South Hill Town Manager, Kim Callis, will explain the historic significance of the site and how it is being used today. After the tour, boats will be available to explore the river above the dam. Canoes, lifejackets and paddles provided by Virginia State Parks.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT THE COLONIAL THEATER

5:30-6 p.m. Registration and packet pick-up at Colonial Theater

6:00 Dessert Reception

Sponsored by Mecklenburg County Tourism and Virginia Tourism Corporation

6:30 Welcome to South Hill

Kim Callis, Town Manager

6:40 Recognition of Partners

Danette Poole and James Adams

6:45 Planning for your Water Trail

Joshua Carroll, John Mays, James Adams, Janit Llewellyn Allen

Panel moderated by Lynn Crump

7:30 Roundtable Discussion: Ideas to Advance River Recreation in Virginia

Facilitated discussion led by Janit Llewellyn Allen

8:00 Lightning Talks on Water Trails in Virginia

Moderated by Lynn Crump

8:30 Closing

THURSDAY CLASSROOM SESSIONS AT THE MAGNUSON HOTEL ON THE LAKE

8:00 Registration and packet pick-up View exhibits

8:30 Welcome

*Chris Collins, Regional Director for Senator Kaine
Clyde Cristman, DCR Director*

8:45 Recognition of Partners

Danette Poole and James Adams

9:00 Developing Effective Partnerships

Justin Kerns, Scott Murray, Michael Womack, Natasha Teasley, and Adam Layman

Panel Moderated by Sandra Tanner

9:30 Financing Your Water Trail

Steve Kesler, Sandra Tanner and Justin Kerns

Panel Moderated by Janit Llewellyn Allen

9:45 Break, view exhibits

10:00 Economic Impacts of River Trail Recreation

Janit Llewellyn Allen, Christina Wells, Pete Peters, John Mays and Tom Murray

Panel moderated by Sandra Tanner

11:00 Boating Access Development Considerations

James Adams

11:30 Managing Public Access

Larry Hart and James Adams

Panel moderated by Steve Kesler

12:00 Lunch

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Blessing by Charlie Simmons*

Bare Bones, LLC

12:30 Keynote Address

Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade

1:00 Strategic Marketing for your Water Trails

Justin Kerns and David Mikula

Panel moderated by Sandra Tanner

1:45 Closing and Field Trip Logistics